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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese applications Serial Nos. 36313 and 36325, filed February 15, 1999. Copies of the Japanese Official Actions in which they were cited are attached hereto, with what is believed to be the pertinent portions enclosed in a wavy line. English translations of the enclosed portions are also attached hereto.

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